

DOINGS OF THE VAN LOONS

Well If the Other Can, Why Not Father

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BOXING,
WRESTLING,
AQUATICS,
TENNIS, POLO

SPORTS

HOCKEY,
BASEBALL,
BOWLING,
FIELD-TRACKMUST KEEP UP
SCHOOL DUTIESMichigan Already Looking Ahead
to Hard Schedule on Gridiron

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 17.—Michigan has already begun preparations for the 1914 football schedule, one of the hardest a Wolverine team has ever faced.

Sixty or more candidates for the 1914 varsity were called together this week, and were told by Captain Raymond, Trainer Farrell, Director Harline and others, that the 1914 list of playing dates will furnish Michigan the hardest opposition she has ever met in years. And as a first step toward preparation for these games, it was pointed out that scholastic eligibility is the thing to be looked after at present. Furthermore the importance of the men keeping in condition the year round was emphasized by Trainer Farrell. Other meetings of similar nature will be held throughout the college year. The next one is looked for February when Coach Yost is expected to be present.

Michigan is not worrying much over the case and Vanderbilt game, which opens the season. But with M. A. C. to be met at Lansing, unless there is some unexpected change in arrangements, Syracuse at Syracuse and Harvard at Cambridge following in order, it is readily seen that Yost has a gigantic task on his hands, not to mention the Penn and Cornell battles which will end the season on February.

Trainer Farrell is supervising the training of a small army of indoor track men, who are preparing for the opening of the indoor season in March. At present the men are working out only three times a week, but after the examination periods which begin Jan. 28 it is expected that the training must become more strenuous.

Close basketball activities are also being held up until after the semester closes. Director Rowe has arranged to have the popular indoor sport start with a bang as soon as the events are concluded.

SYRACUSE SCHEDULE.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The football schedule of Syracuse university, announced today, includes these dates: Oct. 10, Princeton at Princeton; Oct. 21, Michigan at Syracuse; Oct. 31, Carolina Indians at Buffalo; Nov. 21, Dartmouth (place unsettled); Nov. 26, Notre Dame at Syracuse.

OFFER COBB \$15,000 YEARLY.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16.—Ty Cobb was offered a five-year contract at fifteen thousand dollars a year by the Federal league.

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U. OF M. CATCHER IS
GIVEN EUGENIC JOB

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 17.—Charles C. Webber, Wolverine baseball catcher, will withdraw from college this week to take up a position with the state eugenics commission. He was one of the best players on the University of Michigan team last spring and caught in the majority of the big games after Baker broke his ankle. Webber plans to return to college next fall, so that he will be eligible for the team in the following spring.

THE SPITTER DOOMED.

Moist Ball Delivery Hard on Twirlers, Says Ferguson.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 17.—The spitball is nearing the end of its day in the opinion of Charley Ferguson, the American league umpire, who has been spending a few weeks at home in St. Paul before starting on his annual big game hunt in Texas.

Says he: "The sensational collapse of Ed Walsh last season has made a deep impression on the heavens in both major league circuits, and many of the leading artists of the damping told me they would use this delivery sparingly next year."

"Year after year spitball pitchers have been collapsing, but the defenders of the delivery always had been able to point to Walsh as an example of a pitcher being able to last though using it continuously."

"Walsh had a wonderful physical makeup and he was able to withstand the strain longer than the others who took up the fad, but the end came with him, and came suddenly. Walsh thinks he will come back next year."

"I hope he will, but the records show no instances of spitball batters who have retained their form after once breaking down."

Ferguson says there is no doubt that the spitball delivery does impose a much harder strain on the arm than any other delivery in general use.

"Take my own case," he says. "Once I had as good an arm as any pitcher needs. Finally it went back on me, but by cultivating a slow ball, I got by for several seasons more. But I was persuaded to take up the spitball and though I had good success for it for one season, it killed my arm completely in less than five months."

"It is merely a matter of physical endurance with all of them. Sooner or later it gets every ball player that takes it up. If Mathewson had taken up the spitball when it first came into use, he would have been out of the game years ago. I heard Walter Johnson say he would quit the game before he would resort to this killing delivery."

"As I look at it the spitball is popular because by using it pitchers can dispose with using their brains to some extent, but in the long run it is a losing game as anyone familiar with the career of leading exponents of the delivery knows."

HAS FIFTEEN CONTRACTS.

Joe Tinker Has Lineup of Chicago Team Almost Complete.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—Joe Tinker, the demon little manager of the Chicago Federal league club, last night announced that his lineup was complete, with the exception of three positions. He said he hoped to land a second-sacker, as well as a third sacker, of major league caliber. He further says that he could use one fast, hard-hitting outfielder of the same ability, but admitted that he already had four fly chasers under contract, any three of which, in his opinion, could make good in the infant organization.

The local leader admitted that he was dealt a heavy blow when it was announced that Artie Groh and Bert Niehoff, infielders, had signed their 1914 contracts to perform with the Cincinnati Reds. Groh, whom the Giants sent to the Reds last season, was offered a three-year contract by Tinker. He was offered \$15,000 for his three years' service.

LOOK AHEAD TO
TRAINING WORKNo Club Has Been Able to Arrange
Perfect Plan So Far

Spring training for clubs is one of the real vexatious problems that confront a club owner and manager every year. To adopt a perfect training plan is something that nobody has been able to accomplish to date. And there doesn't seem to be any fixed rule regarding it, either.

The Giants and the Athletics take a few weeks basking out and then they play a long string of games right up to the opening of the baseball season. In the case of both these champions there hasn't been the slightest difficulty.

On the other hand, clubs which have rounded out a long training season by the way side while they were expected to do huge and copious things in the line of winning borges.

Pittsburgh never takes a flyer with the bush teams, and since 1909 the Pirates have come under the head of wintering, as far as flags are concerned. The Naps have always followed a fixed rule. They went to a small town for a brief spell, basking out and unknocking the winter knots. Then the residue of the trip has been passed at New Orleans, where daily games are quite the vogue.

This year, however, things have been radically changed. Athens, Ga., is as quiet as Philadelphia on Sunday. The players have a scant chance to do anything but train, eat, sleep and get into splendid condition. A few brief trips to Atlanta for a series of pickup knockouts will be the extent of the Naps' itinerary, with several games booked for the road tour homeward.

This year's training will be something in the nature of an experiment. It will be watched closely to see if it is successful.

MAY LOSE STAR PLAYER.

Tigers or Dartmouth to Get Chicago Gridiron Crack.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—That Carolan, star backfield football player, will leave the University of Chicago and enter either Princeton or Dartmouth is the rumor current among friends of the former Oak Park high school star.

According to the story told by his friends, Carolan has been dissatisfied with the conditions at the Midway for some time and did not even take the mid-year examinations, which alone would make him ineligible for next season.

It is also known that influential Princeton men have been urging the former Oak Park high school captain to enter the eastern school ever since he graduated from the west side suburban high school. Ghee, the Dartmouth quarterback, who was a former teammate of Carolan at Oak Park, has also been in communication with the maroon athlete.

Carolan declared that he has not yet decided, but admitted he is likely to go east. Carolan was captain of the Oak Park high school squad in 1912 and was picked by every critic to lead the all-star high eleven that year.

IS MAKING USE OF
AMERICAN DEWCE.

London, Jan. 17.—The Standard announces its belief, on good authority, that the most radical feature of Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV will be the adoption of the American centerboard. This will be the first time in the history of British yachting that a large craft has been fitted with a centerboard and the challenger will be the first yacht of this type to be sent across the Atlantic to compete for the America's cup.

PRINCETON HAS
NEW OPPONENTS.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 17.—Two new opponents appear in the list of contests for the Princeton football eleven next fall. The schedule for the season for 1914, which was announced today, shows that Lafayette and Williams have been substituted for Fordham and Holy Cross. There will be no mid-week games again this year and the best contests with Harvard and Yale will come a week apart at the end of the season. The schedule includes: October 10, Syracuse at Princeton; October 17, Lafayette at Princeton; October 24, Dartmouth at Princeton; October 31, Williams at Princeton; November 7, Harvard at Cambridge; November 14, Yale at Princeton.

WITH THE BOXERS.

A boxing club is to be opened in Cincinnati with a fifty-cent admission charge.

It is said that Willie Ritchie has tucked away \$50,000 since he won the lightweight championship from Al Wolcott.

Al Wolcott's brother, Johnny, is to box in one of the preliminaries when the former champion meets Joe Rivers in Milwaukee next week.

Bombardier Wells is not discouraged over his recent defeat by Carpenter and is planning to take another fling at the game.

George Rodel, the Boer heavyweight, and Tom McMahon are billed for a ten-round bout to be pulled off in Albany at the end of this month.

Now that Bob McAllister has met and defeated Bartling Levinsky, the California fight fans are sure that Bob is a coming champion.

Phil Bloom, the New York lightweight, is coming along at a rapid pace. If he continues to improve he may soon be able to give the best of them a good tussle.

The record of Gunboat Smith shows he has taken part in 28 battles during the past two years and has been defeated but once. The one Gunboat lost is credited to Jim Stewart, but no one believes it.

WILL HAVE FINE LINES.

Cup Defender Defiance Will Be Splendid Craft.

Bristol, R. I., Jan. 17.—The so-called flag officers' cup defense yacht that is being constructed here will resemble to a marked degree the 50-footers which were raced last season by nine members of the New York Yacht club.

The new boat has easier and finer lines than the "fifties" and a longer drawn out stern, while her forward triangle, like that of the "fifties," is small. Her bowsprit will be very short, and her mainsail will be unusually large.

It was reported that the Defiance, now being built at Bath, would resemble the flag officers' yacht in many respects, and that the Cochrane yacht, under construction at Newport, would be considerably larger than the other two.

RITCHIE NOT TO FIGHT

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 17.—The match between Willie Ritchie and Tommy Murphy of New York, scheduled for Jan. 26, was declared off by Ritchie owing to the strained condition of the latter's left arm.

Petroskey-Clabby Match Off
Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 17.—The Petroskey-Clabby boxing contest, scheduled for today, was indefinitely postponed. Petroskey was reported ill, suffering from appendicitis.

FEDERALS GET ONSLOW.

Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—Catcher Onslow of the Detroit Americanas, has signed to play with Indianapolis in the Federal league.

BASEBALL CHATTER

"Lefty" Tyler drops a hint that the Boston Braves will have to come across with more money or he will jump to the Feds.

Mique Finn, the Memphis manager, tried to sign Harry Remis, the old Cleveland catcher, but Remis wanted too much money.

What's the use of talking about Tommy Leach doing any jumping? Tom is so old that the Feds would have to wheel him into the new league.

Very few ball players have to work so hard to keep down their weight as does "Hack" Engle of the Red Sox. With "Hack" it's a case of training all winter. Right now he is down in Maine wearing out snowshoes and skis.

Fitcher Edgar Willett, of the Detroit Tigers, has put one over on the golfing ball players. Edgar has been playing on the same links as President Wilson at the Mississippi Country club. Yes, sir, the very same links.

The New England league has dropped Brockton, Fall River and New Bedford and formed a new circuit with clubs in Worcester, Lawrence, Lowell, Lynn, Fitchburg and Haverhill, Mass., and Portland and Lewiston, Me.

Sh! Close the door. An eastern scribe has exposed the baseball record of Governor Tener, the new president of the National league, and of Bancroft Johnson, the American league boss. Spouteth the scribe: "Where do Tener and Johnson fit in making a holier against the Federal league invasion? Tener jumped the Chicago team to the Brotherhood in the early '90s and Johnson led the raid on the National league ten years later." Mum's the word.

United States Protestants in 1913 gave \$16,738,000 to foreign missions.

NEWS FORECAST OF
THE COMING WEEK

Monday, the anniversary of the birth of General Robert E. Lee, will be served as a holiday in Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and Alabama.

The legislature of Ohio will assemble in extraordinary session Monday in response to the recent call issued by Governor Cox. Most important of the subjects scheduled for consideration are amendments to safeguard and protect the initiative and referendum, the recall of the 1911 appropriation bill for the purpose of effecting economies in the expenses of the state government, the revision of the banking laws which will enable state banks to adjust themselves to the provisions of the new currency law, a provision conveying the right of municipalities to issue bonds to acquire public utilities, and amendments which will provide for the direct selection of the primary of candidates for United States senator, and for filling vacancies of vacancies.

The inauguration of James F. Fielder as governor of New Jersey will take place Tuesday in Trenton and will be accompanied by the presentation of which custom has prescribed for the occasion.

The sub-committee of the House

judiciary committee is expected to go to Mason the first of the week to begin its official inquiry into the charges made against Judge Emory Speer, of the United States district court of southern Georgia.

Every five wardens and their associates in eight eastern states will begin a three days' conference in Boston on Tuesday. Co-operation in preventing fire and railroad fire protection are the principal subjects to be discussed.

Other gatherings of the week of more or less interest and importance will be the twenty-third annual meeting of the Tennessee Negro Conference, the annual meeting of the Hardwood Manufacturers' association, in Memphis, the national convention of the United Mine Workers of America, in Indianapolis, and the annual convention and exhibition of the National American Live Stock Association, in Denver.

On Friday night the eyes of the sporting world will be focused on San Francisco, where Willie Ritchie and Tommy Murphy are scheduled to come together in a twenty-round boxing contest. The fight will involve the lightweight championship, title in which is now in the possession of Ritchie.

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